

We claim:

1. A method for registering a ticket when said ticket is proximate to a detection zone, said ticket comprising a processor module, a storage module, and at least one first receiver module and at least one second transmitter/receiver module, and said detection zone comprising a first transmitter unit and a second transmitter/receiver unit for communicating with said ticket, and at least one passing zone facilitating ingress and egress into said detection zone, said method comprising the steps of:
 - transmitting from said first transmitter unit to said first receiver module a first information unit when said ticket enters said detection zone, said first information unit comprising an identity assigned to said detection zone;
 - storing said identity on said ticket;
 - determining a timepoint based upon a predefined attendance or service, said timepoint being at a time subsequent to said steps of transmitting and storing;
 - receiving at said timepoint and ticket a second information unit, said second information unit comprising said identity,
 - determining if said first information unit matches said second information unit;
 - upon a match, storing said second information unit on said ticket, said second information unit being indicative of attendance;
 - transmitting to tickets egressing said detection zone another first information unit; and
 - transmitting a third information unit from said second transmitter/receiver module to said second transmitter/receiver unit and storing said third information unit on said ticket, said third information unit being based upon said attendance information and identity of said ticket.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said first information unit transmitted from said first transmitter unit to said first receiver module comprises an information item by means of which said second transmitter/receiver module is intermittently switched to active in relation to receiving information units.
3. The method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of periodically switching said second transmitter/receiver module to active using an information item included as a cycle time in said first information unit.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said second information unit received at said timepoint comprises an information item which deactivates said second transmitter/receiver module located on the ticket following storage of attendance information.
5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting said second information unit by said second transmitter/receiver unit.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said frequency of said first transmitter unit is selected such that said field in said passing zone is designed as a near field.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said frequency of said transmitter module is selected such that said field in said detection zone is designed as a far field.
8. The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of transmitting said second information unit by said first transmitter unit.

9. The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of transmitting said second information unit by said first transmitter unit.

5 10. The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of transmitting a third information unit further comprises the step of transmitting said third information unit after a randomly determined period following receipt of said first information unit.

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11. The method according to claim 10, wherein said third information unit is transmitted more than once.

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12. The method according to claim 1, further comprising, after said step of transmitting said a third information unit, the step of transmitting a second information unit, in order to identify said attendance information as debited on said ticket, and on the basis of a third information unit received by said second transmitter/receiver unit.

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13. The method as according to claim 1, wherein said ticket comprises a display module and said second information unit comprises an information item which can be displayed on said display module.

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14. The method according to claims 1, further comprising the step of periodically switching said second transmitter/receiver module to active using an information item included as a cycle time in said second information unit.

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